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OLD HAUNTS AND MEMORIES.

Upon the shore of my early home,
For ages, a grey old rock bath stood,
Towering high its head towards heaven's dome,
Defying alike the storm and flood.
'Tis a queer old rock, with one shelving side,
T'ip which when a child in lightsome glide,
I have often climbed; at its foot the tide
Daily ebbs and flows from the billowy sea.

The wide-spread limbs of a gnarled old tree,
Over its top flings a grateful shade;
And there, like a bird, uncaged and free,
The long summer days I have gaily played;
Have gathered the sea-shell, and pebble stone,
To furnish the play-house erected there;
Clay dishes made, and when all was done,
Exultingly gazed on the fabric fair.

And when tired of play, have turned my eye
Upon the bright waves of our Isle-girt bay;
And watched in silence, white sails glide by,
Cleaving the waters in their onward way;
And thought, as glad children often do,
There was not in the world a spot so sweet,
A rock so high, or water so blue,
As those that loved my tiny feet.

Off hand in hand, with a brother dear,
Along the beach have bounded fleet,
And paused to rest, without care or fear,
Beside that rock, on a wave-worn seat;
And watched with pride his agile form,
As he lightly sprang across chasms wide;
And forth from my heart, all fervent and warm,
Burst the prayer—Jesus, my brother guide.

And in later years, when Time's winged feet,
Had swept away childhood's flowers;
With a cherished friend, on that same worn seat,
Have rested many a bright, but fleeting hour;
And listened to many a gentle word,
That upon my ear so kindly fell;
Till within my heart a faint was stirred,
That like those waves, will e'er rise and swell.

That darling brother has passed away,
In a southern clime he laid down to sleep;
But they made him a grave by his own loved bay,
And its waters ever his requiem weep.
But far away from this loved retreat,
North California's burning sun,
Is a sandy mound, where in slumber sweet,
Rest peacefully that cherished one.

And the light that beamed from that living eye,
Is forever quenched, and mild sighs and weeping,
The long and dreary hours go by;
Oh! would I too, were beside him sleeping.
Thus saddened memories linger ever,
Round that childlike haunt by my native cot;
And when is o'er life's fitful fever,
Hear me and my dead to that quiet spot.

Gold Hill, June 4th, 1853.

From Chambers' Journal.

AND THEN!

The oracle of the beautiful sequestered little hamlet of Ambermead, was an old gentleman of unobtrusive and orderly habits, whose peculiar taciturnity had obtained for him the familiar cognomen of Two Words. Mr. Canute, alias Two Words, dwelt on the outskirts of the village, tended by an ancient housekeeper almost as chary of speech as her worthy master. It was surmised that Mr. Canute had seen better days; but though his means were straightened his heart was large, and his countenance expressed great benevolence. Notwithstanding the brief mode of speech which characterized him on all occasions, the advice of Mr. Canute was eagerly sought on every subject whereon it was presumed advice would be profitable; and the simple rustic of Ambermead perhaps valued it the more, because, though delivered without a particle of pomposity, the terseness and decision of the words expended, left an indelible impression, which long sermons often failed to convey. Mr. Canute lived on terms of intimacy with the family of the old Hall—an intimacy cemented by early associations, for Mr. Harwell and Mr. Canute had been school-fellows; and when a painful and lingering illness attacked the squire, his ancient friend and crony felt a deep anxiety as to the ultimate fate of Mr. Harwell's only child, the good and lovely Clara Harwell. The disease was an incurable one; though the suffering might be protracted, there was no hope of ultimate recovery, and an air of gloom reigned over the village of Ambermead, where once the sweet spring and summer tide brought only sport and glee. Ambermead was noted for a profusion of rich red roses, exhalant delicious fragrance; and for the song of innumerable nightingales, whose harmonious concert sounded amid the umbrageous groves, sheltering the hamlet on every side, and extending beyond the old Hall of Ambermead. But now, although the roses bloomed and the birds sang, serious faces looked from the cottage doors; and while the younger villagers forgot their usual pastimes, the elders conversed apart in whispers, always directing their glances towards the hall, as if the sufferer within those thick walls could be disturbed by their conversation. This sympathy was called forth, not only by the circumstance of Mr. Harwell being their ancestral landlord; the last of an impoverished race, but from his always having lived among them as a friend and neighbor—respected as a superior, and beloved as an equal. Their knowledge, also, of the squire's decayed fortunes; and that, on his death, the fine old place must become the property of a stranger, whom rumor did not speak favorably of—greatly enhanced the concern of these hereditary cultivators of the soil; and many bright eyes grew dim thinking of poor Miss

Clara, who would soon be fatherless, and almost penniless. The estate of Ambermead was strictly entailed in the male line, and the next heir was of distant kin to the Harwells. A combination of misfortunes, and no doubt of imprudence in years long by gone, had reduced the present proprietor to the verge of ruin, from which he was to find refuge only in the grave. The Harwell family had lived for centuries in Ambermead. They seemed so much to belong to their neighbors, who always sympathized most fully in all the joys and sorrows of the "Hall folk," that now, when there was a certain prospect of losing them forever, as it seemed, the parting became more than a common one between landlord and tenant, between rich and poor—it was the parting of endeared friends.

They watched and waited for Mr. Canute, passing to and fro, as he did every day, and more than once a day; and on his two words they hung, as if life or death were involved in that short bulletin.

"How is the squire to-day?" said one.

"No better," replied Mr. Canute mildly, without stopping.

"And how's Miss Clara?" inquired another, with deep pity in his looks.

"Very patient," responded the old man, still moving slowly on with the aid of his stout staff.

"Patient!" repeated several voices, when he was out of hearing. "Yes, yes, patient enough; and Master Canute means a deal when he says patient. Bless her young sweet face! there's patience in it if ever there was in mortal's."

Mr. Canute's patience was sorely taxed by questions at all hours; he was waylaid first by one, then by another, on his way from his own cottage to the Hall, but with unflinching good nature and promptitude, he invariably satisfied the affectionate solicitude of his humble neighbors—in his own quaint way, certainly—never wasting words, yet perfectly understood.

The summer-tide was fading into autumn, and the squire of Ambermead faded more gradually than autumn leaves, when late one evening a wayfarer stopped at Mr. Canute's cottage, which was on the road-side, and requested permission to rest, asking for a draught of water from the well before the porch.

"Most welcome," said Two Words, scanning the stranger, and pleased with his appearance, for youth and an agreeable countenance are sure passports; perhaps, too, Mr. Canute discerned gentle breeding in his guest, despite travel-soiled habiliments and a dash of habitual recklessness in his air. At any rate, the welcome was heartily given, and as heartily responded to; and when Mr. Canute left his dwelling, in order to pay his usual evening visit at the Hall, he merely said, addressing his young visitor: "Soon back;" and turning to Martha, the careful housekeeper, added, "Get supper;" while on skipping over the threshold, second thoughts urged him to return and say to the young man, "Don't go."

"No, that I won't," replied he frankly, "for I like my quarters too well. I'll wait till you come back, governor, and I hope you won't be long, for my mouth waters for that supper you spoke of."

Mr. Canute smiled, and walked away more briskly than usual; and after sitting sometime beside the sick man's bed, and bidding "good night" and "bless you" to Clara Harwell, he retraced his steps homewards, and found supper ready, and the handsome stranger so obviously ready to do justice to the frugal fare, that Mr. Canute joyfully remarked: "Keen air!" to which the stranger replied in the same strain: "Fine scenery!" on which his host added: "An artist?" when the youth, laughing outright, said: "An indifferent one, indeed."

After a pause, and suffering his mind to subside, he continued: "Are you always so conversant in words, sir? Don't you sometimes find it difficult to carry on conversation in this strain?"

"You don't," replied Mr. Canute smiling, and imperceptibly good-natured.

"Not I!" cried the youth; "and I want to ask you half a hundred questions. Will you answer me?"

"I'll try," replied Mr. Canute.

"I've not long to stay, for I'm on a walking tour with a friend; but I diverged to Ambermead, as I was anxious to see it. I've had a curiosity to see it for a long time; but my friend is waiting for me at the market town, eight miles off, I think, and I shall strike across the country when the moon is up, if you'll give me a rest till then."

"Most welcome," said Mr. Canute courteously.

"Ah ha!" quoth the stranger, "if that's the way you presume your discourse, I don't think I shall learn much from you. I hope, however, that I may get a wife who will follow your example—a woman of two words, in short; she'll be a rare specimen of her sex."

"Ah ha!" ejaculated Mr. Canute.

"But come, tell me, for time presses," said the young man, suddenly becoming grave—"tell me all about Ambermead, and the squire—how long he's likely to last. For in fact, the friend I mentioned, who is with me during this walking tour, is vastly interested in all that concerns the place and property."

"The heir?" whispered Mr. Canute, mysteriously.

"Well, well, suppose we say he is; he's not altogether a bad fellow, though he is considered a bit reckless and wild. But he has heard of Clara Harwell's beauty and goodness from his cousin, Lady Ponsonby (she's Clara's cousin too, you know); and he is really sorry to think that such a lovely creature should be when old Harwell dies for all the world knows he's ruined. It's a pretty place this old Ambermead—a paradise, I should say. I know what I'd do, if I was ever lucky enough to call it mine." The youth rubbed his hands gleefully. "I should be a happy dog then!"

"And then?" said Mr. Canute smiling.

"Why, then, I'd pull down the rickety old house up there, and build a palace fit for a prince; I'd have lots of prime fellows to stay with me; and I should sport the finest horses and dogs in the country." The speaker paused, out of breath.

"And then?" said Mr. Canute quietly.

"Why, then, I'd hunt, and shoot, and ride, and drink, and smoke, and dance, and keep open house, and enjoy life to the full—feasting from year's end to year's end—the feast of reason and the flow of soul, you know, in old Ambermead!"

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"Why, then, I suppose that in time I should grow old, like other people, and 'cease to care for all these things, so much as I did when strength and youth were mine."

"And then?" said Mr. Canute more slowly.

"Why, then," said the stranger hesitating—"then, I suppose, like other people, in the course of nature, I should have to leave all the pleasures of this life, and like other people—die."

"And then?" said Mr. Canute, fixing his eyes, glittering like diamonds, on the young man's face, which flushed up, as he exclaimed, with some irritation—

"Oh, hang you and thens!" But the moon is well up, I see, so I'm off. Good night, and thank you." And, without further parley, he started off on his walk over the hills; and Mr. Canute silently watched his guest retreating figure, till in the deep shadows of the surrounding groves he was lost to view. In the moonlight, in the darkness, in the valley, on the hillside, these words haunted the wayfarer, and he kept repeating to himself, "And then?"

Thoughts took possession of his mind that never before had gained entrance there, or at least they arranged themselves in a sequence which gave them quite a new significance. His past life presented itself to him for the first time as a coherent chain of events exemplifying cause and effect; and if his plans for the future did not at that moment receive any determinate change, he still kept repeating anxiously and inquiringly, as he wandered on in the moonlight, the two strangely suggestive words.

"And then?" It proved a long and toilsome night's journey for that belated traveler, for he had omitted to ask for certain landmarks on the hills leading to the place whither he was bound. I consequence the stars faded in the sky, and the rosy morn broke the eastern mists ere the weary man, from the summit of a high hill which he had tortuously ascended, beheld afar off, down in the valley, the shining river, the bridge, and the church tower of the town where his friend, in some anxiety, awaited his reappearance.

During all his after-life, that young man never forgot the solitary night-walk when he lost his way beneath a beautiful spangled summer sky; the stars seemed to form the letters, "And then?" the soft night breeze seemed to whisper in his ear, "And then?"

It is true, he had gained the intelligence he sought respecting the inmates of Ambermead Hall; but he had laid aside his own folly for the inspection of Mr. Canute; and, in return, he had listened to no reproach—no tiresome lecture couched from prosy age to ardent youth, but simply two words had penetrated his heart, and set him a thinking seriously. Mystic little words! "And then?"

For nearly three years after Mr. Harwell's decease, the old Hall, contrary to general anticipation, remained untenanted, save by domestic left in charge. Miss Clara had found shelter with her relative, Lady Ponsonby, though her memory was still fresh and warmly cherished among the humble friends in her beautiful native village. Mr. Canute, if possible, more silent than ever, still remained the village oracle; perhaps more cherished than of yore, inasmuch as he was the only memento remaining of the beloved Harwell—the old familiar faces now seen no more. He would listen, and they would talk, of days gone by; he felt the loss even more than others, for he mourned a companion and a friend in the good Two Words, an adopted daughter. At length it was rumored that Mr. Selby, the new proprietor, was soon expected to take possession of his property in due form; moreover, that he was on the point of marriage, and that his young bride would accompany him. It reports fly quickly; and it had been circulated in former times that Mr. Selby was wild and extravagant, careless of others, selfish and profligate. Indeed, Mr. Canute had not contradicted such reports, so it was generally opined they were too true, and had a legal foundation. With heavy hearts the inhabitants of Ambermead commenced their rural preparations for the reception of the squire and his bride; green arches were erected, and wreaths of flowers were hung on the spreading branches beneath which the travelers' road lay. It was the season of roses and nightingales, when Ambermead was in its glory; and never had the rich roses bloomed so profusely, and never had the chorus of the groves been more full and enchanting, than on the summer evening when the old and young of the hamlet, arrayed in their holiday attire, waited to greet the newcomers.

Mr. Canute stood at his cottage door; the bridge just beyond, over which the route conducted to the Hall through avenues of greenery, was festooned with roses; and a band of maidens in white lin'd the picturesque approach. The sun was setting, when a carriage drove quickly up, slackening its pace as it crossed the bridge, and stopping at Mr. Canute's humble gate. Two Words himself, bareheaded, stepped forwards on seeing a lady alight, who in another moment threw herself into his arms exclaiming, "Our first greeting must be from you, dear Mr. Canute! I need not introduce you to Mr. Selby—he is known to you already." Speechless from astonishment and emotion, the old man could only say, "Miss Clara!"—as he gazed from one to the other, recognizing in the gentleman the wayfaring guest who had departed so abruptly on his walking expedition over the moonlight hills, more than three years previously. Seizing the hand which Mr. Canute silently extended, Mr. Selby said with deep feeling:

"It is to your instrumentality that I owe my present happiness."

"How so?" was Mr. Canute's reply, looking with pleased surprise into the open face, which, on a former occasion, had won his confidence and admiration.

"Two words spoken in season, wrought a change in me, which all the preaching of friends and guardians had failed to effect," returned Mr. Selby, "and without which Clara never would have blessed me with her hand. These years of probation have proved my sincerity; and Lady Ponsonby (a severe and scrutinizing judge) pronounced my reformation complete ere she permitted me to address Clara. Those two little words 'And then?' enigmatical to the uninitiated, convey a deep and mystical meaning to my heart; and they are of such significant import, that by inserting them whenever I paint the future, I trust to become a wiser and a better man!"

Clara gazed proudly and confidently on her husband, and the news of her arrival having spread through the village, a crowd collected, whose joy and surprise found vent in tears and blessings, to say nothing of numerous asides, purporting that Miss Clara never would have espoused a bad man; ergo, Mr. Selby must be a worthy successor of the ancient race.

The prognostication proved correct; and the pathway, strewn with bright summer roses, over which Clara trod in bridal pomp on her way to the ancestral home where she was born, was indeed emblematical of the flowery path which marked her future destiny.

The old Hall of Ambermead is still extant—a fine specimen of venerable decay, surrounded by ancestral groves, still famed for sheltering innumerable nightingales when the Ambermead roses exhale their delicious fragrance. In the old churchyard on the green hill side, a white monument gleams in the sunshine, whereon may be traced the name of John Canute, specifying the date of his happy death, while below is engraven this inscription of two words—"And then?"

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A gentleman who had by a fall broken two of his ribs, was mentioning the circumstances and describing the pain he felt. He was asked if the injury he received was near the vertebrae.

"No," he replied, "it was within a few yards of the Court House."

A FURRY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION.—The Mining Register says "it will be some time, if not longer, before we shall awaken the echoes of our quiet sanctum with a laugh so irrepressible as a guffaw which has just escaped us, at a mercantile anecdote intimately related by a German friend."

An old fellow living at Frankfort-on-the-Main, sent to a business correspondent at Frankfort-on-the-Oder, a large consignment of cotton nightcaps, the product of his own manufacture. He wrote to each the price at which they were to sell, but the sum designated was found to be too large, of which fact they took occasion to inform him. He yielded a little in his demand, but still there was no offer for his fabrics. Again he writes in reply to their letters of his correspondents, naming a yet smaller amount; but weeks elapse, and yet no sales. At length he writes to each correspondent to make some disposition of his manufactures; if they can't get money for them, at least to exchange them, no matter at what reasonable sacrifice, for any other goods. Under these instructions, the stocking factor calls upon the nightcap agent, both unknown to each other in connection with their principal, and "names his views;" he wishes to exchange a lot of superior cotton stockings for some other goods; he is not particular what kind, as the transaction is for a friend, who is desirous of closing his stock. The man at first can think of nothing which he would like to exchange for so large a supply of stockings; but at length a bright thought strikes him—"I have," said he, "a consignment of cotton nightcaps from an old correspondent, which I shall not object to exchange for your stockings." The bargain was soon closed. The stocking-factor wrote back at once that he had at length been enabled to comply with the instructions of his principal. He had exchanged his stockings for "a superior article of nightcap," in an

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A gentleman who had by a fall broken two of his ribs, was mentioning the circumstances and describing the pain he felt. He was asked if the injury he received was near the vertebrae.

"No," he replied, "it was within a few yards of the Court House."

A FURRY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION.—The Mining Register says "it will be some time, if not longer, before we shall awaken the echoes of our quiet sanctum with a laugh so irrepressible as a guffaw which has just escaped us, at a mercantile anecdote intimately related by a German friend."

An old fellow living at Frankfort-on-the-Main, sent to a business correspondent at Frankfort-on-the-Oder, a large consignment of cotton nightcaps, the product of his own manufacture. He wrote to each the price at which they were to sell, but the sum designated was found to be too large, of which fact they took occasion to inform him. He yielded a little in his demand, but still there was no offer for his fabrics. Again he writes in reply to their letters of his correspondents, naming a yet smaller amount; but weeks elapse, and yet no sales. At length he writes to each correspondent to make some disposition of his manufactures; if they can't get money for them, at least to exchange them, no matter at what reasonable sacrifice, for any other goods. Under these instructions, the stocking factor calls upon the nightcap agent, both unknown to each other in connection with their principal, and "names his views;" he wishes to exchange a lot of superior cotton stockings for some other goods; he is not particular what kind, as the transaction is for a friend, who is desirous of closing his stock. The man at first can think of nothing which he would like to exchange for so large a supply of stockings; but at length a bright thought strikes him—"I have," said he, "a consignment of cotton nightcaps from an old correspondent, which I shall not object to exchange for your stockings." The bargain was soon closed. The stocking-factor wrote back at once that he had at length been enabled to comply with the instructions of his principal. He had exchanged his stockings for "a superior article of nightcap," in an

equal quantity, which he was assured was likely to be much in demand before sunset while!

The next day came a letter from the night-cap agent, announcing his success, and appended to the letter was a big bill for commissions. As Yellow-plush would say, "Fanny that gent's feelings!"

A CREDITOR'S STRATAGEM.—A week or two ago four creditors started from Boston, in the same train of cars, for the purpose of attacking the property of a certain debtor in Farmington, in the State of Maine. He owed each one separately and they each were suspicious of the object of the other, but dared not say a word about it. So they rode, acquaintances all, talking upon everything except that which they had most at heart. When they arrived at the depot at Farmington, which

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COLOMA, SATURDAY, June 11, 1883.

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Regular Democratic Republican Nominations.

For County Judge,
JAMES JOHNSON.
District Attorney,
THOMAS H. NEWES.
For Sheriff,
DAVID E. BUEL.
County Clerk,
ARTHUR ST. CLAIR DENVER.
County Treasurer,
WILLIAM H. STONE.
County Recorder,
GEORGE H. INGHAM.
County Surveyor,
WILLIAM HENDERSON.
County Assessor,
JAMES MCKNIGHT.
Coroner,
E. CRAFTS.
For the Senate,
BENJAMIN F. KEENE, GAVIN D. HALL,
GEORGE W. HOOK.
For the Assembly,
JOHN CONNESS, SYLVESTER A. BALLOU,
ELIHU C. S. RINGER, DAVID P. TALLMADGE,
H. HOLLISTER, E. A. STEVENSON,
G. A. McDONALD, A. BRIGGS.

Ever since strict party lines were drawn in this State, and an opportunity has been afforded of making a test, it has been demonstrated beyond doubt that the Whig party are in a hopeless, helpless and hopeless minority. The question is no longer problematical, for every election has been an additional proof that the masses of the people are devoted to Democratic principles and measures. It is natural that this should be so in a land where a majority of the voters are laboring men, who think and act independently for themselves, unswayed by power and uninduced by capital. The Whigs have struggled manfully, and at every election have presented a bold front, only to suffer an honorable, though overwhelming defeat. They have struggled in a hopeless cause for a long period, without the slightest encouragement for success, and it is but natural that they should now adopt a different system of warfare to gain their end. In this country, one of the wealthiest, and the most populous in the State, it is evident that a new system of tactics will be adopted, as a last resort for disappointed politicians. The name of the Whig party has become exceedingly unpopular everywhere, and a change must be made for one that will have an air of plausibility, while it conceals the intentions and movements of those who will delight in assuming it. In some parts of the State, they have dubbed themselves, without the least authority, as "California Republicans," thus making a strong appeal to the gullibility of those who are food of a high-sounding title without endeavoring to understand its meaning or import. Here in El Dorado, they are playing a desperate game, and making a strong bid for popularity by attempting to get up a "Miners' and Settlers' Convention," to make county nominations. The Whig sheets naturally rejoice at the splendid stroke of policy on the part of their brethren, and publish the proceedings of their meetings with a grand flourish of words, interlarded with absurd and supposititious statements. They point in glowing colors, an imaginary disaffection in our ranks, and endeavor to create the impression abroad that the Democracy are divided, and that the nominations made will not be generally sustained. We confess that they display much energy and perseverance, as well as considerable ingenuity, in laying their plans, but we are wised to give them credit for more shrewdness than wisdom, more sagacity than knowledge. We do not assert or deny that some persons, who have hitherto acted with the Democratic party, are concerned in this movement, for experience teaches us that some disreputable politicians, whose love for party is in proportion to the hope for office, are ever ready to wreak their vengeance against their party by receding their claims have been repudiated upon a fair adjudication. All parties are troubled at times with these refractory and self-conceited persons, and to matter whether they join the enemy, or attempt to create a third party, they are soon brought to an early political grave.

It is palpable that this pretended important movement in this country is but the result of the action of a few designing Whigs, who adopt this as the only chance for a hope of success in the coming campaign. It is the last resort of an enemy, beaten in every engagement, who now attempts strategy, and seeks to avoid an open and manly combat. There is no use of their attempting to conceal their movements, for the very action of the Whig Junta in this place, manifests it too plainly. Those connected with it, make loud and long assertions that they are no party men,—protest strenuously against entertaining any desire for office, and are merely sacrificing their time and money for the good of the county and State.—This is but a ruse to entrap the populace in their deep snares, and time will fully develop it to be a scheme concocted by the Whigs, as the only possible means for obtaining office. Let not the Democrats of El Dorado be deceived by these buncombe manifestoes and resolutions, put forth to elicit popular favor,—for if their plans are consummated, the Whigs may unfortunately succeed in enjoying a few offices, while they can chuckle and laugh at the verbiage of a party so largely in the ascendancy.

New Roads.—We learn that some enterprising individuals are opening a fine road from Spanish Flat to Works' Rancho and Grey Eagle City on the Middle Fork. The road will pass by the way of Travers and Dry Creek,—is seven and a half miles nearer than the old road and will be easily traveled with teams. A large number of men are at present engaged in grading it.

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.—Friday next, the 17th of June, is a day memorable in the annals of American history, being the seventy-eighth anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill. At Georgetown the event will be celebrated by a grand ball at the Nevada House. It will be one of the finest parties of the season.

News of the Week.

The company organized by Capt. Harry Love, to capture the famous desperado, Josquin, and rid the country of robbers and horse thieves, were at the last accounts at Howards' Rancho in Mariposa county. The members are all picked men, who are used to the dangers and hardships of a frontier life, and well acquainted with the whole southern country. They will doubtless do much good, by intimidating if not exterminating the many bands of lawless characters who infest that region.

The Democrats of Yuba County have selected twelve delegates to attend the State Convention, and have instructed them to support Hon. H. P. Haun for the office of Governor. In Tuolumne County, the Democrats will meet at Jamestown on the 15th inst. Col. Paul K. Hubbs and Jesse Brush are candidates for Senator. The San Francisco *Herald* learns from private advices that the chances of Maj. Roman and Gov. Bigler to obtain the vote of that county are about equal. Delegates have been selected in the counties of Los Angeles, Shasta, Napa and Mariposa, most of whom are in favor of the nomination of Major Roman for Governor. The Democracy of San Joaquin meet in Convention to-day to appoint seven delegates.

The clipper ship *Carrier Pigeon*, from Boston, went ashore on the 6th inst., about thirty miles below the Heads. The ship has bilged, but it is thought that a portion of the cargo between decks may be saved.

It was rumored at San Diego that several English men-of-war had assembled at La Paz, in lower California, to watch the movements of the Frenchmen and Americans who had congregated near that place with a view to make a foray in the State of Sonora. This is stated to confirm a report that the English Government had aided in reinstating Gen. Santa Ana upon condition of his ceding to that Government the State of lower California and Sonora. There is doubtless but little truth in the report.

In Oregon Territory a number of emigrants have arrived from Salt Lake, Fort Hall and Fort Boise. None have yet arrived from Missouri, but packers were expected in a few days. A new channel has been discovered at the mouth of the Columbia river, and can be easily entered with a fair wind. The Columbia river is very high, and there is great danger of an overflow and consequent destruction of the crops. A number of persons have left Oregon for a pleasure trip across the plains.

A Mexican named Jose Borella, was hanged at Stockton last week for the murder of H. H. Jones, at a fandango, about a year since.

The town of Sutter, a short distance below Sacramento, is said to be rapidly declining, on account of the non-fulfillment of certain contracts by interested parties.

Democratic State Convention.

Pursuant to a call of the State Central Committee, the delegates selected to attend will assemble at Benicia on Tuesday the 21st day of June. The nominations to be made are a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Treasurer, Comptroller, Justice of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Surveyor General. Several of the counties have already held their conventions, and in some decided preferences have been expressed for the nominations of certain persons. Of the counties where delegates have already been selected, we believe the following will be found to be a correct statement of the votes that will be cast for the candidates for Governor. Many of the delegates go unrepresented, and therefore it is impossible to figure the exact result.

John Bigler.	Richard Roman.	H. P. Haun.
Sacramento, 17	Calaveras, 15	Yuba, 12
San Francisco, 22	El Dorado, 23	
Placer, 15	Nevada, 15	
Sierra, 1	Colusa, 2	
El Dorado, 10	Trinity, 2	
Sutter, 2	Sierra, 8	
Solano, 3	Santa Clara, 5	
Mariposa, 1	Mariposa, 6	
Shasta, 1	Los Angeles, 4	
	Napa, 2	
	Shasta, 5	
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From the above it will be seen that the contest will certainly be between Maj. Roman and Gov. Bigler. Judge Haun's friends may possibly hold the balance of power. There is another candidate in the person of William Hatfield of Placer County,—but after a careful perusal of the proceedings of all Democratic meetings yet held, we have seen no demonstrations in his favor.

The counties of San Francisco, Sacramento and Placer will cast their votes for Alex. Wells for re-nomination to the Supreme Court Bench. The county of Nevada has recommended J. R. McConnell for Attorney General, and this county, Dr. S. A. McKean for State Treasurer. The convention will be composed of two hundred and thirty-eight members,—one hundred and twenty of which will constitute a quorum. It is entirely useless to attempt to make any calculations as to the result, and we can only hope that the convention may make such nominations as will reflect honor to the party and themselves. The action of this body will be watched with the greatest anxiety, and we hope that the delegates may discharge their trust to the entire satisfaction of those whom they represent.

ETAKING THE LAW.—The Chinamen generally who profess so much ignorance of the administration of our laws, are sufficiently shrewd to cause great trouble to the collectors of the Foreign Miners' Tax. The appearance of a collector among them has the same effect as passing a contribution box in a mob. All those who have an opportunity to dispense upon his approach and take to the hills, while a few remain and pay the required amount. The licenses thus obtained are transferred from one to another, who thus endeavor to make one license serve for a dozen. Our collectors however are a little sharper than the celestialists and require when the license is granted, that the recipient should pronounce his name distinctly, which is written in full as near as possible by the collector. This method at once puts a stop to fraud, and ensures the collection of the regular tax from each one.

SALMON FALLS.—A company are engaged at the present time in erecting a fine bridge over the South Fork at this place. The high water carried off the one erected last year, since which time the crossing has been effected by a good flat boat ferry. But very little mining has yet been done in this vicinity this season, owing to the continued high water. There are some very rich claims which cannot be worked to any advantage until the river is at its lowest stage. In this neighborhood are many large fields of barley, and some of the finest gardens in California. The town situated about half a mile above the falls has all the appearance of a flourishing country village.

EXPRESS FAVORS.—Our thanks are due to Adams & Co's Express for the prompt delivery of our exchange and correspondence during the past week.

We are under obligations to Wells Fargo & Co. for similar favors.

FROM ORKHO.—By the latest arrivals from this territory it appears that Gov. Joseph Lane, after being sworn into office, immediately resigned. His object was to secure the removal of Maj. John P. Gaines, who it is said is extremely unpopular. Gen. Lane has been nominated almost unanimously by the Democrats for re-election as Delegate to Congress. His opponent is one A. A. Skinner, who figures as the "Peoples' Candidate." The election of Gen. Lane is regarded as a certainty.

DEATH OF MAJOR HARVEY.—We learn that a short time since, the body of Major Walter H. Harvey was found horribly mangled in Mariposa county. It was but a short time since that he was at Benicia in fine health and spirits. It will be recollected that Major Harvey was the person who killed Maj. Savage in a personal encounter last fall, and it is believed that the Indians have avenged the deed in the above manner. No clue has yet been obtained of the perpetrators of this horrible outrage.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—The following persons were selected as the Democratic Central Committee by the last Convention: H. Doyle, of Placerville; H. Seavey, of Union; Thomas M. Reed, of Georgetown; Justice Shearer, of Diamond Springs; John Orr, of Salmon Falls; A. A. Van Guilder, of Coloma; and Capt. Wm. S. Clapp, of Pleasant Valley.

MARMALAKE HILL.—The mines in this hill, situated near Georgetown, still yield extraordinarily and shares in claims have greatly advanced during the past few days. Some shares that were sold for \$300 a fortnight since, now command double that sum. There is more gold taken out at the present time at this place, than at any previous period since the hill was worked.

KANAKA RAVINE.—This ravine situated north of Dry Creek and a short distance from Georgetown, has never been well worked until the present season. It has been prospected in many places, and few have ever persevered until they reached the bed rock.—The gold lies at considerable depth, and it is but lately that much has been found. Some companies we are told are making one ounce per day to the man and many are realizing good wages.

VERY AGREEABLE.—The citizens of Coloma with commendable liberality, not only keep the streets perfectly clean from all rubbish and filth, but have now engaged a person, who is occupied from morning till night in sprinkling the streets. This is an excellent move, as the dust in the dry season unless allayed, would make living here almost intolerable.

THE RIVER.—During the last few days the South Fork at this place has risen a few inches. The extraordinarily warm weather has caused a rapid melting of the snow above. Nothing much can be done by the miners on the river until the waters fall several feet.

COLLECTOR HANNON.—This officer it is stated will enter upon the discharge of his duties as Collector of the Port of San Francisco on Wednesday next. We have not yet heard of any appointments having been made, with the exception of Capt. Walton of this county as Deputy Collector, and Mr. Peachey of San Francisco as Cashier. San Francisco, it is said, is overrun with applicants impatiently awaiting the action of the Collector.

COLOMA FLAT.—The miners in large numbers are actively engaged in working on this flat, and in the lower part of town are digging up the street, leaving but a passage way for teams. This flat has universal paid well and at the present time several companies are realizing large amounts. The diggings are very difficult to work and pits are generally sunk to a depth of from ten to twenty feet. All the ground is worked through sluices.

WARM WEATHER.—In the early part of the week the weather was unusually hot, the atmosphere dry, and not a breath of air in day time stirring to relieve oppressed humanity. On Monday last the thermometer in the shade at 110°, and Tuesday and Wednesday at a figure or two below. During the remainder of the week the weather has been truly delightful. We are well supplied with snow from the mountains; a luxury that can only be well appreciated during the prevalence of such warm weather as we have had.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.—This enterprising and energetic Express company, whose name has long since become familiar to the people of California, have established an agency here, and are represented by Mr. George Scarle. A large commodious and well arranged office has been fitted up on Main street, next door to the Ohio store. They are prepared to do all descriptions of banking business, and their Express facilities extend to all parts of the United States, Canada and Europe.

PORTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—On our first page will be found a pleasing poem from the pen of a regular contributor, a gifted lady of this county. We have received quite a large number of effusions, anonymously sent, which will lose their fragrance under the Editor's table. No communication will ever be considered that is not accompanied with the real name of the author. We shall gladly receive any contributions entertaining an earnest desire to cultivate native talent and allow the disciples of the muses a chance to spread themselves.

COUNTY JAIL.—The Grand Jury empowered for the Court of Sessions, examined the county jail last Tuesday. They report it to be in good condition, carefully attended to and well kept. The sheriff deserves credit for the manner in which he has improved this valuable public institution. We believe that at present there are no boarders,—the latest occupants having settled their bills at the late term of the District Court.

TURNIPS.—Messrs. D. H. Selden and W. W. Rawlins of Gold Hill, have shown us a splendid lot of turnips raised on their ranch at Gold Hill. They were gathered promiscuously without reference to size and the whole lot average from four and a half to two pounds in weight. This ground is doubly profitable, as their garden is situated on a claim that will pay from five to eight dollars per day to the hand in winter.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—This Court has been in session during the past week—Justices James Johnson, H. Seavey and J. W. Thomas, presiding. The Grand Jury were in session two days,—found seven bills of indictment,—inspected the various county department reports,—reported favorably, and were discharged.—The Court have disposed of several unimportant cases, among which were some indictments for gambling. It is a healthy moral sign to see in such a large and populous county as this, so few criminal cases on the docket.

WORKING AT NIGHT.—A company at work on the hill a short distance east of town are working their claim day and night as water is becoming quite scarce. They are realizing good wages and are endeavoring to make the most of the time before the season has further advanced.

HON. B. B. REDDING.—We are pleased to learn that this gentleman has been added to the talented corps of editors of the *Democratic State Journal*. Mr. Redding was a member of the last Assembly, in part representing the county of Yuba,—in which position he acquired an enviable reputation. We know him to be an excellent scholar, a fluent writer, and as a finishing Democrat. He will prove a valuable acquisition to the California press, and his ready pen will lend great influence in battling for the Democracy.

NATURAL CURIOSITIES.—On the hill, near the road leading down to Murderer's Bar, on the Middle Fork, are two caves, both of which have been explored to a great depth. The whole hill is of the limestone formation, and a company are now engaged in burning lime at this place. Several parties have visited these caves, but few have gone down, the entrance being perpendicular, and explorers are forced to resort to a windlass and rope.

SOUTH FORK CANAL.—An annual meeting of the stockholders of this company was held in Placerville on Monday last. The attendance was very large.—The following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. E. F. Keene, O. Harvey, W. H. Smith, A. T. Taylor, R. Reynolds, G. Blake and Mr. Atkinson of Placerville, and Messrs. De Ro and Church of San Francisco. Hon. B. F. Keene was unanimously re-elected President and C. C. Bartleman, Esq., Secretary. The company is in a highly flourishing condition and are still making improvements and extending their operations. It is stated that after the first of next month, a dividend of three per cent per month will be declared.

VERY ILLIBERAL.—The Placerville *Herald*, it seems would not publish the proceedings of a meeting in its columns, purporting to have been held here by the "Miners and Settlers." We are much surprised at this, when the generous and whole soul individual who requested the publication, opened his heart and offered to take twenty-five copies of the paper, for which he would have paid three dollars and twelve and a half cents,—all in cash. It is strange that our neighbor of the *Herald*, should refuse to publish a column of humbuggery for the benefit of the Whig party, for such a valuable consideration, when the business community freely pay them three dollars per square for more important matter.

GEORGETOWN.—The extraordinary yield of the mines in this vicinity has given an impulse to trade, and business of all descriptions has assumed a livelier aspect. It is impossible to form a correct estimate of the gold daily taken out from Marmalake Hill and other rich placers near this place, but we are satisfied that there is no spot in the mines where gold is more abundant. Real estate is looking up and lots well situated for business locations command a high price. A number of fine frame buildings are in progress of erection and many improvements are going on which furnish ample evidence of the prosperity of the town.

COMMERCIAL.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company have purchased the Steamers *Weyland Scott* and *Corte* on this side and the *United States* and *Union* on the other. These steamers belonged to the San Francisco and New York Independent Line. This new arrangement will enable the Mail company to have a steamer in readiness every week. The freight on treasure has been raised one per cent, and the bankers have advanced the price of Exchange to four per cent. They are compelled to do this in self defense. This is an impolitic move on the part of the Mail Company and does them no credit. The price of freight is already sufficiently high, and this rise must be seriously felt by the great masses of the people. We trust that a lively competition may soon spring up, and reduce the rates to a living figure.

FOURTH OF JULY.—General preparations are already making in different parts of the county, to celebrate the seventy-eighth anniversary of our National Independence. At Ballard's Rancho, near Colusa, between the South and Middle Forks, the good folks intend to have a grand barbecue, oration, reading of the Declaration, and wind up with a grand dance.—In other portions of the county similar demonstrations will be made.

CROPS.—The numerous barley fields in this vicinity are gradually leaving their verdant appearance, and assuming a deep golden tint. The season has been extremely favorable for this grain and the yield of the crops in this neighborhood will be very large. The gardens are very productive, being easily irrigated by means of the numerous canals and ditches running on both sides of the town. Potatoes, corn and tomatoes promise to yield well, to say nothing of the millions of every description of which there will be an abundance.

BECOMING FASHIONABLE.—An Indian woman paraded through the streets last Thursday, with a large umbrella to protect herself and the *peepoo* strapped to her back from the scorching effects of the sun.—What made it appear so ludicrous was that the remainder of her outfit consisted of a short cotton shirt, a string of beads and a jeweled. Her hair wore a fashionable black silk hat and red shirt, but dressing in a hurry had forgot to put his unmentionables. A pair of spurs would have set him off admirably. They were doubtless a couple of the upper ten thousand.

ELECTION OF A JUSTICE.—By reference to an advertisement in our columns, it will be seen that the County Judge has ordered an election for a Justice of the Peace in the Greenwood Township on the 23d inst.

DRY CREEK.—About two hundred miners are at work on this creek at present and most of them are averaging from five to six dollars per day. There is plenty of water and ground sufficient to last this body of men during the whole season.

BALLARD'S RANCHO.—At this place the miners are doing very well notwithstanding the great scarcity of water. Some of the companies at work in this vicinity, rest in day time and sluice at night, obtaining water from the Rock Creek Canal.

LETTERS.—We cheerfully acknowledge the receipt of some mammoth lettuce from Mr. E. D. Lemoine of the Buckeye Rancho on Gold Hill. It is of immense size and of splendid quality. We have not seen any larger in the county.

CHINESE.—A very large number of Chinese passed through our town during the past week on their way to the dry diggings between the Middle and South Fork. Many of the Chinamen are well mounted, with good mining equipments, and all parties are armed, generally with shot guns and revolvers. The Indians have a natural antipathy to these people and manifest it upon every occasion.

EXTENSIVE HILL DIGGINGS.—On the Middle Fork near Sandy Bar rich diggings have been struck in the hills and many deep shafts have been sunk which generally pay very well. The gold taken out bears a strong resemblance of that found at Marmalake Hill, and the diggings are supposed to be as extensive.

TAX COLLECTORS.—The different officers appointed for the collection of revenue at the present time are actively engaged, and the amount collected this year will far exceed that of any preceding year. There is no county in the State that can boast of more industrious, energetic and faithful officers. The Assessor, D. C. McKenney, Esq. and his deputies, F. B. Wood and James McKnight are collecting poll-tax and assessing property and are accompanied by Messrs. D. G. Waldron, Josiah Nichols and James McKennie, Deputy Sheriffs, who collect the property tax. The collection of Foreign Miners' Tax is entrusted to Messrs. Henry Larkin, B. B. Brett and Asa D. Waldron.

At a meeting of the miners of Granite Creek District, held June 7th, 1883, for the purpose of taking measures to secure mining claims during the summer season, Mr. Alex. W. Davis was called to the chair and P. J. Phillips appointed Secretary, when on motion the following resolutions were adopted.
Resolved, That in consequence of the irregularity of water no claim on Granite Creek or any of its tributaries shall be considered workable before the 10th day of November 1883.

Resolved, That all claimants or their representatives shall be on their respective claims on the above said 10th of November 1883, when the By-laws adopted May 7th 1883 shall be in force.

Resolved, That no person or persons shall jump any claim in this mining district to work with a tunnel or otherwise before the 14th day of November 1883.
Resolved, That the above resolutions go into effect immediately.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Miners' Advocate*.
ALEX. W. DAVIS, Chm.
P. J. PHILLIPS, Secy.

MARKETS.—During the past week some of our merchants have received large additions to their stocks, and the market is now well supplied with almost every description of goods. The roads are in splendid condition and merchants are taking advantage of it, in laying a heavy supply. Business has been tolerably brisk for a few days past. Flour is firm at 8c; Pork 25c; Crushed Sugar, 30c; Brown do, 3c; Butter, 50c; Lard 25c; Potatoes 12c; Chili Beans, 12c; Dried Apples, 20c; Corn Meal, 9c; Oatmeal 40c; Cabbage 12c; Hams, 20c; Turkeys, 8c.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
BY virtue of an execution to me directed from the District Court at Coloma, El Dorado County, at date 27th May A. D. 1883, in favor of Thomas Robertson, and against J. H. McBride, J. R. Colburn, H. H. Patrick and J. G. Washburn, under the name and style of the El Dorado Lumber & Marble Company, for the sum of \$2013.17-100, with 5 per cent per month interest on \$131-300 of said sum, and 10 per cent per annum upon the remainder until paid, and all costs that have, or may occur, I have levied and seized and will expose to public sale on the 11th day of June 1883, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M., the following described property, to-wit: all their right title and interest in 140 acres of land, lying and being situated in Marble Valley, about 14 miles from the Mountain Home, in a southerly direction, and about one mile south of the Ohio House,—both of said houses being situated on the Placerville Road, and known as the Marble Quarry, or Marble Valley Ranch, one Lime House, two Line Kilns, Marble Quarry, Engine House, dwelling house, and Steam Engine.

WM. BUCHANAN, Sheriff.
By GEO. MCKENZIE, Deputy.
Marble Valley, June 9th, 1883.—581t

CONSTABLE'S SALE.
State of California,
El Dorado County.
BY virtue of an execution to me directed, issued from the office of Justice H. Doyle of Placerville Township, upon a judgment rendered in said office on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1883, in favor of the People of the State of California, and against M. H. Porter, for the sum of Twenty Dollars, and twenty-three dollars and sixty cents costs and expenses of suit, I have levied on one share of South Fork Canal Stock, No. 3602, which I will expose to public sale in front of the Philadelphia House, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, on Friday, the 15th day of June, 1883, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. of said day.
Given under my hand at Placerville, this 9th day of June, A. D. 1883.
J. A. MITCHELL, Const.

NOTICE.
NOW all men by these presents, that I, Mrs. Cornelia M. Post, wife of A. V. Post, residing and dwelling in Salmon Falls Township, El Dorado County, in the State of California, intend, and do hereby make known, publish and declare my intention to carry on business in my own name and on my own account, as a sole trader, pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled, "an act authorizing married women to transact business in their own name, as sole traders," approved April 12th, A. D. 1882. That the business carried on by me is that of Hotel keeping, retailing stock, &c., in the town of Salmon Falls, in the county of El Dorado. And further, that the amount originally invested, and the amount now invested in said business be no less than the sum of \$5000.
MRS. CORNELIA M. POST.
P. S. At present residing at the Rolling Hills House, June 11, 1883-53t

ELECTION NOTICE.
State of California,
El Dorado County.
A SPECIAL election is hereby ordered to be held in Greenwood Township in said county, on Thursday, the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1883, for the purpose of electing one Justice of the Peace, and the voters of each election precinct in said Township, are hereby notified, on the morning of said day, to appear in person, or by proxy, at the place of election, to vote for said election.
Dated at Coloma, this 11th day of June, A. D. 1883.
JAMES JOHNSON
County Judge.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.
State of California,
County of El Dorado.
A. V. Post, by Jacob R. Cropper, in Justice Court, before J. G. Danner, Justice of the Peace of the Township of Salmon Falls, in said county.
BY virtue of an execution, to me directed, issued from the above entitled cause, on a judgment rendered in the fourth day of June, A. D. 1883, for the sum of \$77.75 damages, and \$65.45 costs of suit, besides fees and charges, I have this day levied upon and seized, and will expose to public sale, at the American House, in the village of Salmon Falls, on the 18th day of June, inst., at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., one SPANISH HORSE and SADDLE, the property of the above named defendant.
June 11, 1883-1t JOHN ORR, Constable

CONSTABLE'S SALE.
State of California,
County of El Dorado.
Sander & Noy, by James R. Peeg, William A. King, Walter King, John Rice and Charles Merriam, in Justice Court, before Newton R. Benedict, Justice of the Peace of the Township of White Oak, in said county.
BY virtue of an execution, to me directed, issued on the 28th day of May, A. D. 1883, for the sum of \$301.14 debt, and \$23 costs of suit, besides fees, I have levied upon and seized, and will expose to public sale, at the American Hotel, in the village of Salmon Falls, on the 18th day of June, inst., at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., all the right title and interest of the above named defendants, in RIVER CLAIM, known as the Blon & Co. Claim, lying and being on the South Fork of the American River, at Kanaka Bar Valley, and the property of the above named defendants. Also, one undivided half of a MINING CLAIM, (180 feet) on Weber Creek, lying above the mouth of said Creek 1-2 mile, and known as the "Knee" Claim, and the property of William A. King. JOHN ORR, Constable.
June 11, 1883.

ADMINISTRATORS SALE.
WILL be sold at public auction on Saturday the 25th of June, inst., at 9 o'clock, P. M., at the property belonging to the estate of Edward Hartman, deceased, (late of Union City,) to the highest bidder for cash. Said property consists of 5 pair of Oxen, 4 good order work or for beef, 5 yokes, 5 chains, 4 Mining claim on Union flat, known as the Robert Brown claim.
HENRY SCHEVA, Adm'r.
Union City, El Dorado Co., June 8th, 1883-351t

THE WASHINGTON TREASURES AT AR-
LINGTON HOUSE.—We learn that Benson J.
Lossing, Esq., a distinguished artist of
New York, and favorably known to the
American public by a work entitled the
Field Book of the Revolution, has been
for some days at Arlington House, en-
gaged in making drawings of the venerable
articles in that mansion, that were former-
ly of Mount Vernon, with a view to the en-
graving of the same to be published in Har-
per's Magazine.

Among these touching memorials of the
past are several of great antiquity. The
sideboard that stood in the dining-room at
Mount Vernon, in the days of Lawrence
Washington, and an iron lamp that hung
in the hall a hundred years ago, and shed
its light upon the youthful Washington,
then in the bloom of early manhood, and
about to start on his high career of fame
in the perilous expedition to Fort Du-
quesne, in 1753.

There are also various memorials of the
"First Presidency," and the Last Days at
Mount Vernon. The tea-table at which
Washington was wont to sit with his fam-
ily, and make his supper of a single dish
of tea. The silver tea-service, remodeled in
New York from the old family plate of the
chief, and inscribed with his coat of arms.
The waiter called the "national waiter," of
massive silver, was used at all the levees
and drawing-rooms of the first presidency,
and from which have been served with re-
freshments all the great men and distin-
guished ladies who survived the revolution.
Also, the bed and bedstead on which the
first President slept, from his inauguration
in New York to the close of his life at
Mount Vernon, in 1799.

Drawings have also been made from the
original pictures of Pelee, Trumbull, and
Sharpless, and of several ancient and mag-
nificent pictures by Van Dyke, Sir Godfrey
Kneller, and Woolaston, from two centuries
to a century and a half old. The revo-
lutionary battle-pieces, painted by Mr.
Curis, have been copied for engraving.
They consist of Trenton, Princeton, Mon-
mouth, Germantown, and Yorktown. The
last is a very large painting, on a canvas
of eight feet six by six feet four. As it is
rather large for a private residence, it is
probable that the painter will either pre-
sent it to the State of Virginia—in whose bosom
occurred the glorious and ever-memorable
surrender of Yorktown, the crowning glo-
ry of the war of independence—or the city
of Washington.

To each of the engravings will be at-
tached a descriptive history of the thing
represented. From the superior style in
which the Messrs. Harper will get up these
venerable and most interesting reminis-
cences of the past, we argue a rich treat to
all those who delight in perusing, in the re-
lics of by-gone days, the memories of the be-
loved Washington.—*Alexandria Gazette*,
5th.

Two sisters, named Mary Weaver and
Mrs. O'Connor, quarrelled at Pittsburgh a
few days ago, both being drunk, about a
picayune, and the affair ended in Mrs. O'
Connor stabbing and killing Mary.

Green peas, raised at West Cambridge,
Mass., were sold in Boston, on Saturday
week, at the rate of \$20 per bushel.

The stock subscriptions for the Opera
house project in New York have reached
\$165,000.

The cash value of the farms in the United
States is estimated at \$3,270,732,093.
The number of acres of improved land is
118,467,622; unimproved lands in farms,
184,621,348—total improved and unim-
proved, 303,078,970 acres.

The lawyers of Rochester, N. Y., it is
said, are about to strike for higher fees.

The private coachmen in New York
have struck for \$25 a month.

The Simses twins, with two of their
children, are in Boston, and will soon com-
mence their public exhibitions.

The "Black swan," it is said, left New
York for Europe, with two white ser-
vants.

Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont,
Maine Massachusetts and Minnesota have
all given popular majorities against the
sale of ardent spirits.

Knowledge may slumber in the mem-
ory, but it never dies; it is like the dormouse
in the ivied tower, that sleeps while the
winter lasts, but awakes with the warm
breath of spring.

The Parisian ladies, who don't like the
Emperor, have adopted a novel way of ex-
pressing their contempt. When he goes
to the opera, they look at him through the
wrong end of their glasses.

J. Cleves Short, a farmer, of Ohio, late-
ly subscribed \$1,000 to the Clay monu-
mental fund.

A child was killed in Detroit lately, by
swallowing some of the ingredients used
in making friction matches.

By a recent statement in the papers it
appears that there are now in New York
twenty men of the New York volunteers
in the Mexican war who are in "a desti-
tute and starving condition."

The State of Maine has 412 miles com-
pleted railway and 677 projected.

On the night of the 10th inst., the Le-
land paper mill and machine shop in Mil-
bury, Mass., was destroyed by fire. Loss,
\$7,000. Insured in Hartford.

Gov. Seymour's majority in Connecti-
cut will be about 1300. The house will
stand—democrats, 144; whigs, 77; free soil-
ers, 4.

LWEBB & CO.
Stationary and Paper Warehouse,
106 CLAY ST.
Between Sansome and Battery Streets,
SAN FRANCISCO.
Feb. 25, 1853. 23-1f

TO INVALIDS AND CONVALESCENTS:
A Superior article of **PORT WINE**,
"FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES,"
for sale at the Brick Store, by J. L. HUNTRESS,
Coloma, March 19—no 26 if

AN ACT
To provide for the protection of Foreigners, and to define
their liabilities and privileges.

The people of the State of California, represented
in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:
Section 1. That from and after the passage of this
act, no person not being a citizen of the United States
(California Indians excepted) shall be allowed to take
gold from the mines of this State, unless he shall have
a license therefor, as hereafter provided.
Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of
State to procure a sufficient number of blank licenses,
which shall be substantially in the following form, and be
numbered consecutively, and a record thereof be
filed in his office. He shall deliver said licenses to the
Treasurer of State, and take his receipt for the same
upon the books of his office.

FORM OF LICENSE.
No. _____
County, (date) _____
This certifies that _____
has paid four dol-
lars mining license
to work in the
mines one month.
By _____
Comptroller of State.

Every subsequent license after the first shall be
dated from the expiration of the former license, issued
by the sheriff or his deputy, to any foreign miner who
shall have been engaged in mining from the expira-
tion of such former license.
Sec. 3. The Sheriff of each county shall be the
collector of license tax under the provisions of this
act, before entering upon the duties hereinafter pro-
vided, shall enter into bond to the State, with two
sureties to be approved by the board of super-
visors, if any such board exist in his county; if there be
no such board, then by the county judge, in the sum
of fifteen thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful
performance of the duties required of him by this act.
This bond shall be filed in the office of the clerk of
said county.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer of State shall file the blanks
for the numbers and counties, which have been left for
the printed form, and shall be liable on his bond for
all licenses delivered to him by the comptroller, ex-
cept for such as he may have issued to the recorder
of counties under the provisions of the following sec-
tion:

Sec. 5. The Treasurer of State shall issue as soon as
practicable, to the recorder of each county, and there-
after previous to the fifteenth of December of each
year, such number of licenses as may be deemed suf-
ficient for the use of said county, taking a receipt
therefor, which receipt shall be recorded by the treas-
urer in a book to be provided for that purpose, and
shall stand as a charge against said recorder, and
said recorder shall execute a bond to the State, condi-
tioned for the faithful performance of all the duties
required of him by this act, in the sum of ten thou-
sand dollars; said bond to be approved by the gov-
ernor and comptroller.

Sec. 6. The amount to be paid for each license shall
be at the rate of four dollars per month, and said
license shall in no case be transferable.
Sec. 7. The recorder shall deliver to the sheriff of
his county such number of licenses as said sheriff may
require, charging him therewith and taking his receipt
therefor. The sheriff shall make monthly returns to
the recorder of his county, of the number of licenses
issued, and to whom, and the amount of money re-
ceived. The first return shall be made to the recorder
on the first Monday in May next, and thereafter a
return shall be made on the first Monday of each suc-
ceeding month, in duplicate, one to be filed in the
office of the recorder, and the other to be retained by
him on account of foreign miners' licenses.

Sec. 8. It is hereby made the duty of the treasurer of
each county to which licenses have been issued, to re-
port to the treasurer of State, on the first Monday of
August next, and on the first Monday of every third
month thereafter, the amount of all money received
by him on account of foreign miners' licenses.

Sec. 9. Fifty per cent of the net proceeds of all
monies collected under the provisions of this act, shall
be paid into the State treasury, and the remaining
part of the general fund; the remaining fifty per
cent of the net proceeds shall be paid into the gen-
eral fund of the county, and it shall be the duty of the
sheriff to pay over to the county treasurer monthly
the amount specified in the preceding section.

Sec. 10. The collector may seize the property of any
person liable to and refusing to pay such tax, and sell
at public auction on one hour's notice by proclamation,
and transfer the title thereof to the person paying the
highest price therefor, and the collector shall be liable
for the same, and shall be liable to pay such tax in
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